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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:00pm at First County Bank Conference Room at 3001 Summer Street. Thank you to the Chairman of First County Bank for letting us use their conference room since we have no idea when ours will be available.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer, Thomas, Commissioner Lyons was absent. Chief Fontneau, Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Wuennemann, Lt. Cooney, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto. Guests Captain Thomas Lombardo and Mrs. Quintero.

Commissioner Abbazia called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from January 2016 and was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. All were in favor.

Alarm Appeal

Mrs. Quintero came to appeal her Alarm Bills. Captain Lombardo was asked for a review of the alarm bills that were unpaid. He reported that Mrs. Quintero had 5 failures to register and 4 false alarms reported and that a balance of \$1,035.00 was due. Mrs. Quintero stated that she paid \$90.00 on April 10, 2013 and sent in a Registration Form. Captain Lombardo stated that 99% of the time Registration Forms get down to his desk after checks are sent in to the City, but unfortunately hers did not make it down to his desk. Captain Lombardo stated that Registration should be completed on line because within a few minutes they are on his desk top. After much deliberation back and forth Commissioner Palmer made a motion to make the bill \$270.00 and that she register her alarm on line as soon as possible. Commissioner Figueroa seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mrs. Quintero said that was reasonable and she would make payment and Register her alarm on line as soon as possible.

Good Conduct by Officers:

Chief Matheny reported that he had a letter of Commendation from Lt. Baker for NOC Squad B, Sgt. O'Brien and Officers Robinson, M. Connelly, Phillips and Cooper for conduct between December 26 and January 13, 2016. Commencing on December 26 and concluding on January 13, 2016 Sgt. O'Brien and his men have been responsible for 4 gun arrests and several drug related arrests. On 12/26 Officers of NOC B were on programmed patrol on Ursula Place area and conducted a pro-active stop. Several passengers were known to be drug and

weapons related. They were confronted with several males, two which were armed with handguns. They were taken into custody and the car and guns were seized and properly processed. On 12/31 NOC B received information that a violent convicted felon Mr. Barnes was going to exit his residence in Southwood Square complex armed with a handgun. They sat on the house basically all day waiting and he did finally come out. He was armed with a handgun and a large amount of marijuana. The US Attorney's office will take this case. On January 5th the same officers were conducting anti-crime patrol in the South End when they came into contact with a male wearing a full ski mask. When Officers confronted him he reached for his waistband, he was taken to the ground and found to be in possession of a very realistic looking pellet gun with a laser sight mounted on it. On January 13th Officers completed a search warrant for 235 West Main St. NOC B and the SRT Team due to the search warrant located a .40 caliber handgun and a bag of bullets concealed on the roof. He was charged with possession of a firearm and it was later determined that it was stolen. He is a suspect in some other shooting incidents. The above incidents were indicative of the hard work and teamwork that these officers display on a regular basis. They show a commitment to both investigative work, tactical procedures and decision making. These incidents only constitute the type of work this unit performs on a monthly basis. All the while conducting themselves in a calm and professional manner. This is a one week stretch for these men. They are also conducting a couple of really major cases where Federal and other local agencies are involved. A/C Matheny would like to have them in next month before the Commission to receive awards.

Comments from the Public

None

Administration and Operating

Assistant Chief Matheny presented NOC reports: NOC made for the month 51 arrests and seized 5 handguns. Chief Fontneau noted that NOC has seized 68 guns since the beginning of this year and we have received 129 guns this year. Officer Phillips is also in that unit and is working the ATF to find out where those guns came from and their history.

BCI Persons: Unfortunately they had a few homicides, high profile sexual assault cases, several stabbings, and one of whom a young man stabbed a woman on the West Side. She was totally uncooperative. The Bureau eventually got her to give a statement and when the men from BCI Squad A went to execute a search warrant at the apartment he opened the back door of his apartment and threw his gun into the Mill River which was located and he was apprehended. Jordan Young is a frequent flyer who is a 19 year old kid who has been in a lot of trouble for a long time. So he stabbed someone and was in possession of a gun. We had the stabbing at SHS following a basketball game with Brien McMahon HS. One arrest made and 5 other arrest warrants pending. The Bureau and Officer Kenny Boyd, SRO at SHS played a key role identifying Clayborne a 19 year old former SHS student.

An amazing amount of guns recovered and gun collars. BCI arrested a man who was involved in 5 armed robberies and one burglary. This was our most wanted guy for the month. The Bureau developed information on who this guy was and he happened to rob a store where the clerk knew him. So we put our information with what he said and as our detectives pulled into his driveway he pulled onto the street and they apprehended him with a facsimile firearm and the proceeds from the robbery.

Several shots fired calls, the most recent at 276 Cove Road, 6 .9mm rounds fired into a house occupied by 4 adults and 3 children. The children may possibly be related to a homicide we had in the park.

BCI Property: Between Burglary and Financial Crimes about 30 arrests. Several Search Warrants were executed. We have \$1 million embezzlement. It was a large enough hit that the Secret Service is involved in the case. It may point to some type of love triangle involving the CEO of the company and an ex-employee. We had an embezzlement from a Moscow on Washington Blvd. It caught our attention because some of the money had been wired overseas. The Joint Terrorism Task Force and Sgt. Trew worked on this and determined that it was a larceny, however the money was sent to a legitimate charity. We had a larceny of \$90,000 from a home on the East Side. Suspect was developed within 24 hours of the crime, a warrant was completed and we are looking to make an arrest on this next week.

SVU: had 27 cases and applied for 2 warrants, executed three search warrants, conducted about a dozen home visits, conducted and cleared two missing person's cases.

Juvenile-Youth Bureau: had 63 new cases, including 10 sexual assaults of juveniles, 29 juvenile arrests processed, cleared 4 missing juvenile cases. They also had a couple of violent confrontations with a 16 and 17 year old suspects that they had taken custody for. Fortunately none of our officers were hurt.

Assistant Chief Wuennemann reported about Traffic Enforcement: Sgt. and three officers had another busy month. They made 66 speeding violations, 49 red light violations, 36 misc. violations, 37 cell phone texting while driving, 6 unregistered MVs, 4 operating without a license and 7 vehicles towed. They did all of this while handling a couple of major accidents. They recovered three stolen vehicles this month, they had a MVC involving a pedestrian and motor vehicle on Vine Road, also handled MV vs. 2 pedestrians on High Ridge Road and Square Acre. Officer Booth also handled the OUI arrest which was an officer involved shooting on Grove Street.

Patrol: for the month of January starting on New Year's Eve we had a 17 year old with a handgun who was robbing everyone at a party at 22 Frederick Street. Officers confronted him in the driveway and the gun turned out to be a facsimile firearm, he was arrested. Officers Petrenko and Petrone there was a robbery of a person getting out of their personal vehicle at 177 Myano Lane and they spotted him and when they went to arrest him they had to Taser him. On the 11th of January Officers responded to shorts fired in the area of 37 Greenwich Ave. Officer went to Clinton and Main by the purple bridge they stopped an individual. Officers Gilford, Reynolds, Musso, Estabrook, D. O'Meara and Romano, two of which were still in FTO program. They got into a pursuit and recovered a .44 caliber handgun with a large capacity magazine. He was arrested. Officer DeRocco, again one of our new Officers who just finished FTO-ing, on the 15th and 19th he made pro-active drug arrests on 26 Main Street for crack cocaine and one of the Ludlow Townhouses with two individuals with marijuana and attempt to sell. Those guys were out of Bridgeport. Officer DeRocco is a young Officer being very active. Officers Linnehan and Pennoyer continue every month to shine at Cove and Seaside Ave to get CI information. They arrested a suspect with 33 bags of heroin, 2.8 grams of crack and over \$1,000 in cash. On the 25th of January Officers Jentz and Rosa arrested Mr. Catchings in Southwood Square on drug charges. On the 26th NOC had a pursuit and Sgt. White heard it an actually deployed spike strips in that pursuit in a safe manner. On the 28th Officers were called to 1425 Bedford Street on the discharge of some kind of a firearm in the bathroom. It ended up being a 16 year old patient at the Pediatric Office who set off a flare gun in the bathroom. The father ended up taking the boy home and Officers went to the house and arrested him on Highview Avenue and he was taken into custody and taken to Bridgeport. The Officers were Gizicki and Burdi. On the 29th Supervisors said the entire Squad A, in a period of 90 minutes, the Squad responded to three calls. One was at 1085 Hope Street which were the individuals arrested in the South End, they also had a call gone bad at Target when Officers were called

that a guy had a weapon and took a swing at an Officer. So he got arrested that turned the larceny into a robbery, and then they had another robbery at 596 Cove Road.

Personnel Issues

Chief Fontneau stated that we have 5 openings reserved for us in the April Academy and we are waiting for the City's approval. He also noted that we have a Captain's, Lieutenant's and two Sgt's openings. We have not test for Captain and Lieutenant. Human Resource is waiting to make a decision on two different test companies. We have a certified list for Sgt.'s positions but again waiting for the City's approval to hire them.

Old/New Business:

Discussed the new Police building. We are on time according to the architect. The Police Garage will be taken down in April and the Hoyt House in early Fall. We have two different plans for Headquarters. Waiting to make a decision.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ADJOURN the meeting at 5:55pm and Commissioner Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted,

Timothy Abbazia

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Chairman